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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Dentists, Certified Nurse Midwives, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Podiatrists, Optometrists and PACE Providers

APPLIES TO: Fee-for-Service and Dental

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program for Eligible Providers (EPs)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The IME will receive all EHR Incentive Program Year 2017 attestations through 11:59 pm, March 30, 2018. The IME has tools and guidance for the EHR Incentive Program which are posted on the [DHS Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Records](#)¹ web page. Please note the last opportunity to initiate participation in the EHR Incentive Program was Program Year 2016; therefore, the IME will not receive any new program participants in Program Year 2017, only returning participants.

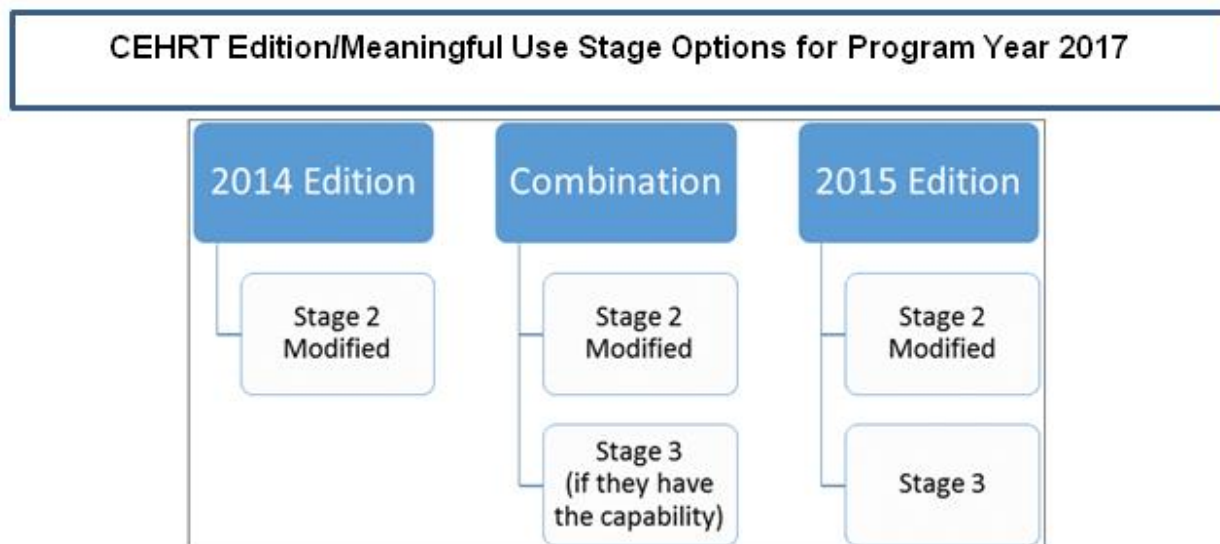
The EHR reporting period for 2017 is any continuous 90-day period or greater. The Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs) reporting period is any continuous 90-day period or greater. Providers are required to attest to a minimum of six (6) CQMs. A complete list of provider CQMs are available on the [eCQI Resource Center](#)² web page under "EP/EC eCMS".

CQM Requirements			
# of CQMs	Reporting Method	2017	
	Attestation	EPs	Hospitals
	Electronically	6 of 53*	16 of 16
Reporting Period	Attestation	6 of 53*	4 of 16*
	Electronically	90 days*	four quarters (except first-time MUers)
	Electronically	90 days*	one quarter*

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/tools-trainings-and-services/medicaid-initiatives/EHRincentives>

² <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/>

Providers have options for the Stage of Meaningful Use they attest to in program year 2017 dependent upon the Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) version used. If attesting to Modified Stage 2 for the 2017 Program year, providers can either attest to objectives and measures using EHR technology certified to the 2014 Edition, 2015 Edition, or a combination of the two. To meet Stage 3 requirements for the 2017 Program year, all providers must attest to objectives and measures using EHR technology certified to the 2015 Edition. A provider who has technology certified to a combination of the 2014 Edition and 2015 Edition may potentially attest to the Stage 3 requirements, if the mix of certified technologies would not prohibit them from meeting the Stage 3 measures.



If you have any questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please call 515-974-2903 or email imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us.